GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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AMENDMENT IN FOREST (CONSERVATION) ACT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to amend the Forest (conservation) Act, 1980, in order to take care of the developmental problems which have a bearing on the forest;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) to (c) The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has adequate flexibility to take care of the site specific developmental activities as well as to ensure that the impact of the project on the forests is minimal. Such a balance between development and conservation is crucial for the long term welfare of the mankind. In view of these facts there is no proposal to amend the Act.